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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 and add new claim 4 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A centrifugal blower fan comprising:

a base plate; and

a plurality of blades arranged on said base plate in a radial pattern to define a plurality of air passages between the pairs of adjacent blades, respectively, wherein a portion of said base plate, serving as a bottom wall of each of said air passages, is formed with a plurality of through-holes;

wherein said plurality of through-holes are formed only in the range of approximately one-half the length of a downstream portion of said bottom wall.

2. (Currently Amended) The centrifugal blower fan as defined in claim 1-4, wherein said plurality of through-holes are formed only in the range of approximately one-half the length of a downstream portion of said bottom wall.

3. The centrifugal blower fan as defined in claim 1, wherein the through-hole located at the most downstream portion of said air passage has an inner diameter greater than the inner diameter of a through-hole located upstream of said most downstream through-hole.

4. (New) A centrifugal blower fan comprising:

a base plate; and

a plurality of blades arranged on said base plate in a radial pattern to define a plurality of air passages between the pairs of adjacent blades, respectively, wherein a portion of said base plate, serving as a bottom wall of each of said air passages, is formed with a plurality of through-holes;

wherein the through-hole located at the most downstream portion of said air passage has an inner diameter greater than an inner diameter of a through-hole located upstream of said most downstream through-hole.